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SUBJECT: BOTSWANA STATEMENT ON RHODESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL DISPUTE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON
DEC 12 RE THE RHODESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL DISPUTE:

QUOTE:

THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA WELCOMES THE ANNOUNCEMENT LAST NIGHT
BY MR. IAN SMITH THAT HE WOULD RELEASE ALL AFRICAN NATIONALIST
LEADERS IN DETENTION AND RESTRICTION TO ENABLE THEM TO TAKE PART
IN NORMAL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN PREPARATION FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL
CONFERENCE.

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THIS ANNOUNCEMENT COULD SIGNIFY A BEGINNING TOWARDS A PEACEFUL
AND JUST SETTLEMENT OF THE RHODESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL DISPUTE.
IT IS THE HOPE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA THAT THE PROCESS
THIS ANNOUNCEMENT HAS NOW SET IN MOTION WILL HAVE A SUCCESSFUL
ENDING, THUS BRINGING TO AN END AN ERA OF CONFRONTATION IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA USHERING IN ONE OF COOPERATION WHICH WE HAVE
ALWAYS CALLED FOR IN THE PAST.

BOTSWANA WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIST, AS IT HAS DONE IN THE PAST,
ALL PARTIES CONCERNED IN THE DISPUTE AS THEY WORK FOR A SOLUTION
TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL DISPUTE IN ZIMBABWE. END QUOTE
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